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PART IV

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

SECTION 9. DEPARTMENT FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INFORMATION AND POLICY ANALYSIS

Overview

TABLE 9.1. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAMME

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

	1992-1993 revised appropriation	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
A. Policy-making organs	-	773.4	61.7	7.9	835.1	34.6	869.7
B. Executive direction and management	-	1 585.7	(44.2)	(2.7)	1 541.5	108.1	1 649.6
C. Programme of work	-	40 349.0	1 216.3	3.0	41 565.3	3 233.4	44 798.7
D. Programme support	-	2 385.1	(46.0)	(1.9)	2 339.1	164.4	2 503.5
Total, regular budget	-	**45 093.2**	**1 187.8**	**2.6**	**46 281.0**	**3 540.5**	**49 821.5**

TABLE 9.1 (continued)

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

1992-1993 estimated expenditures	*Source of funds*	*1994-1995 estimated expeditures*
6 491.4	*(a)* Services in support of extrabudgetary programmes	6 615.2
Total *(a)* **6 491.4**		**6 615.2**
	(b) Substantive activities	
	(i) Trust Fund for the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development	
1 100.0		500.0
	(ii) Voluntary Fund for Supporting Developing Countries Participation in the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development and its Preparatory Process	
290.0		300.0
324.0	(iii) Trust Fund for International Economic and Social Research	250.0
10.0	(iv) Trust Fund for International Comparison Project	7.0
870.0	(v) Trust Fund for Development Planning and Projections	460.0
2 567.7	(vi) UNFPA	3 516.0
-	(vii) UNEP	200.0
166.7	(viii) Other sources	333.3
Total *(b)* **5 328.4**		**5 566.3**
	(c) Operational projects	
11 460.0	UNDP	4 500.0
38 370.0	UNFPA	18 000.0
255.0	Other sources	300.0
Total *(c)* **50 085.0**		**28 800.0**
Total *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)* **61 904.8**		**40 981.5**
	Total costs	**90 803.0**

TABLE 9.2. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	15 534.2	41 470.9	1 104.4	2.6	42 575.3	3 335.8	45 911.1
Consultants and experts	287.4	1 123.6	(272.2)	(24.2)	851.4	47.4	898.8
Travel on official business	240.2	860.0	(26.6)	(3.0)	833.9	44.9	878.3
Contractual services	319.2	851.2	(104.8)	(12.3)	746.4	41.9	788.3
General operating expenses	194.5	549.7	271.0	49.2	820.7	45.2	865.9
Supplies and materials	18.8	50.1	30.0	59.8	80.1	4.1	84.2
Furniture and equipment	70.4	187.7	186.0	99.0	373.7	21.2	394.9
Total, regular budget	**16 664.7**	**45 093.2**	**1 187.8**	**2.6**	**46 281.0**	**3 540.5**	**49 821.5**

TABLE 9.3. POST REQUIREMENTS

Organizational unit: Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-2	3	4	-	-	-	-	3	4
D-1	13	14	-	-	3	2	16	16
P-5	27	26	-	-	2	2	29	28
P-4	44	44	-	-	3	7	47	51
P-3	33	34	-	-	3	5	36	39
P-2/1	26	30	-	-	5	4	31	34
Total	**147**	**153**	**-**	**-**	**16**	**20**	**163**	**173**
General Service category								
Principal level	24	24	-	-	-	-	24	24
Other levels	106	106	-	-	27	32	133	138
Total	**130**	**130**	**-**	**-**	**27**	**32**	**157**	**162**
Grand total	**277**	**283**	**-**	**-**	**43**	**52**	**320**	**335**

Overview

9.1 The Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis was established on the basis of the Secretary-General's note of 3 December 1992 (A/47/753) on the second phase of the restructuring of the Secretariat and of General Assembly resolution 47/212 A of 23 December 1992 on the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations.

9.2 The responsibilities of the Department are defined in the report of the Secretary-General on the 1992-1993 revised estimates emanating from the second phase of the restructuring of the Secretariat (A/C.5/47/88) and General Assembly resolution 47/212 B of 6 May 1993.

9.3 The terms of reference of the Department include:

(a) The compilation, improvement and dissemination of economic and social statistics;

(b) The analysis of long-term economic and social trends, including population trends;

(c) The monitoring and assessment from a global perspective of economic and social policies and trends, including analysis of efficient domestic macroeconomic management and relevant micro-economic issues;

(d) The elaboration of projections and the identification of new and emerging issues requiring attention by the international community.

9.4 The responsibilities of the Department and related activities fall in whole or in part under programme 12, Global development issues and policies, 18, Population, 20, Energy, and 24, Statistics, of the proposed revisions (A/47/6) to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/214 of 23 December 1992 on programme planning.

9.5 During the biennium 1994-1995 the Department, through the provision of economic and social information, statistics and policy analysis and in cooperation with other relevant United Nations bodies, will monitor the implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and the Fourth United Nations Development Decade. It will pay special attention to the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, the United Nations Agenda for the Development in Africa in the 1990s, the Cartagena Commitment: A New Partnership for Development, and Agenda 21. It will also contribute to the preparation and servicing of the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development, the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women and Development.

9.6 The responsibilities of the Department in the areas of statistics and population will include, in addition to research and policy analysis, execution responsibilities in respect of technical cooperation activities. This will facilitate the necessary cross-fertilization between research/policy analysis, which have a predominant weight in the relevant activities, on the one hand and technical cooperation on the other, and will help to maintain in each area a close association of both sets of activities, within the critical mass necessary for their sustenance.

9.7 The Department will also serve as the lead unit for economic and social information within the United Nations and provide statistical support to all parts of the Organization. In this context, the Department will develop, in cooperation with the regional commissions, an economic and social information system (UNESIS) that will encompass data collection, processing, storage, exchange and dissemination of economic and social information to users for policy-making. It will cooperate closely with the Bretton Woods institutions and other relevant agencies and will link its activities with early warning capabilities being developed in the political and humanitarian sectors of the Organization. The Department will also provide substantive support for the relevant intergovernmental bodies, including the Statistical and Population Commissions.

9.8 The Department will survey current world economic and social situations, especially in order to highlight emerging problems and options for policy. Particular attention will be paid to problems of international trade, the transfer of resources between developed and developing countries, stabilization, structural adjustment and transformation of economies and the issues of social integration, poverty and employment.

9.9 The Department will also undertake analyses of global approaches to micro-economic issues and policies in public economics such as demonopolization, administrative deregulation of economic activities, privatization, opening of markets and use of market mechanisms. The Department will also monitor and assess developments and trends in key areas such as global energy markets, in particular international oil markets.

9.10 The programme of work under this section does not fall directly under any of the five priority areas of a broad sectoral nature decided by the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session. However, it will enhance the capacity of the United Nations as a centre for analysis in the economic and social sectors, thus contributing to the achievement of the objectives in those priority areas.

9.11 The activities and related resource requirements are presented by programme, where applicable, or by major sector of the Department's responsibilities. The organizational structure of the Department is still under review and will be finalized during 1993. It will be reported to the General Assembly in the context of the next proposed programme budget. At this stage, reference to organizational units/divisions of the Department in the programme narrative is provisional. For the same reasons the 1992-1993 appropriation for the Department is reported in the tables of this section at the departmental level only.

9.12 The proposals for the Department entail a growth rate of 2.6 per cent. The overall level of resources would reflect, *inter alia*, the establishment of six additional posts (one D-2, one P-3 and four P-2), and the reclassification from P-5 to D-1 of the post of the head of the Environment and Energy Statistics Branch established within the Statistical Division in 1991; other elements of growth include $271,000 for general operating expenses and $186,000 for furniture and equipment, and are to some extent offset by reductions for consultants and experts ($272,200) and contractual services ($104,800).

9.13 The extrabudgetary resources under this section relate essentially to the activities under Population and Statistics. It is estimated that these resources would show a decrease in the biennium 1994-1995 in relation to operational activities of the Department. At the same time the estimated extrabudgetary staff resources would increase by nine posts. This increase is attributable entirely to the activities under the programme Population.

9.14 The estimated percentage distribution of the total resources of the policy-making organs and the Department would be as follows:

		Regular budget	*Extrabudgetary*
		(percentage)	
A.	Policy-making organs	1.8	3.9
B.	Executive direction and management	3.3	-
C.	Programme of work	88.9	96.1
D.	Programme support	6.0	-
	Total	100.0	100.0

A. Policy-making organs

TABLE 9.4. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAMME

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

	1992-1993 revised appropriation	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
A. Policy-making organs							
Statistical Commission	-	46.0	-	-	46.0	3.5	49.5
Population Commission	-	50.5	50.5	100.0	101.0	5.7	106.7
International Conference on Population and Development	-	676.9	(8.8)	(1.3)	668.1	24.7	692.8
International Conference on Women and Development	-	-	20.0	-	20.0	0.7	20.7
Total, regular budget	-	**773.4**	**61.7**	**7.9**	**835.1**	**34.6**	**869.7**

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

1992-1993 estimated expenditures	*Source of funds*	*1994-1995 estimated expenditures*
-	*(a)* Services in support of extrabudgetary programmes	-
Total *(a)* -		-
	(b) Substantive activities	
1 100.0	(i) Trust Fund for the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development	500.0
290.0	(ii) Voluntary Fund for Supporting Developing Countries Participating in the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development	300.0
Total *(b)* **1 390.0**		**800.0**
-	*(c)* Operational projects	-
Total *(c)* -		-
Total *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)* **1 390.0**		**800.0**
	Total costs	**1 669.7**

TABLE 9.5. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	-	197.6	247.5	125.4	445.1	16.5	461.6
Consultants and experts	-	357.2	(337.2)	(94.4)	20.0	0.7	20.7
Travel on official business	-	218.6	83.4	38.1	302.0	14.9	316.9
General operating expenses	-	-	48.0	-	48.0	1.8	49.8
Supplies and materials	-	-	20.0	-	20.0	0.7	20.7
Total, regular budget	-	**773.4**	**61.7**	**7.9**	**835.1**	**34.6**	**869.7**

Statistical Commission

9.15 The Statistical Commission was established by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 8 (I) of 16 and 18 February 1946. Its terms of reference were set out in resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) of 21 June 1946, and 1566 (L) of 3 May 1971. Under its terms of reference the Commission assists the Economic and Social Council in coordination of the statistical work of specialized agencies; development of the central statistical services of the Secretariat; advising the organs of the United Nations on general questions relating to the collection, analysis and dissemination of statistical information; promoting the improvement of statistics and statistical methods in general.

9.16 The Commission has 24 members, each elected for a four-year term. It meets biennially for eight working days. The Commission has a Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination, which also meets biennially.

Population Commission

9.17 The Population Commission was established by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 3 (III) of 3 October 1946. Its terms of reference, as set out in Council resolution 150 (VII) of 10 August 1948, are to arrange for studies and advise the Council on the size and structure of populations and changes therein; the interplay of demographic factors and economic and social factors; policies designed to influence the size and structure of populations and changes therein; any other demographic questions on which either the principal or the subsidiary organs of the United Nations or the specialized agencies may seek advice. Further responsibilities of the Commission are defined in Council decision 87 (LVIII) of 6 May 1975 and resolution 1986/7 of 21 May 1986. In its resolution 1989/91 of 26 July 1989, the Council decided to entrust to the Commission the responsibilities of the preparatory committee for the preparation of the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development.

9.18 The Commission is composed of 27 members, each elected for a four-year term. The Commission normally meets biennially for a period of eight working days. However, by its resolution 1993/4 of 12 February 1993, the Economic and Social Council decided to postpone the twenty-seventh session of the Commission until 1994 in view of the requirements arising from preparation of the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development. Owing to that decision it is expected that the Population Commission would have two sessions during the biennium 1994-1995: its twenty-seventh session in 1994 and its twenty-eighth session in 1995.

International Conference on Population and Development

9.19 By its resolution 1989/91, the Economic and Social Council decided, in principal, to convene in 1994, under the auspices of the United Nations, an international meeting on population. By its resolution 1991/93 the Council decided that the international meeting on population should thenceforth be called the International Conference on Population and Development. The holding of the Conference was endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 47/176 of 22 December 1992. The Conference will be held in Cairo in September 1994. The preparation and holding of the Conference will be financed from both regular budget and extrabudgetary resources taking into account provisions of resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

9.20 The estimated requirements for temporary assistance for meetings ($445,100), equivalent to 12 work/months for one D-1, one P-5, one P-4 and two General Service (Other level) posts, relate to the preparation and servicing of the International Conference for Population and Development in 1994, including reporting by the Secretary-General of the Conference to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the Conference's findings and recommendations. The proposed resources are intended to supplement permanent resources of the Department for these activities.

Consultants and experts

9.21 A provision of $20,000 would be required for preparation of the update of *The World's Women: Trends and Statistics* as an input of the Department to the preparation of the 1995 World Conference on Women and Development to be held under the terms of resolution 45/123 of 14 December 1990.

Travel on official business

9.22 It is estimated that a provision of $302,000 would be required for travel in connection with activities of the policy-making organs, as follows:

(a) Travel of members of the Statistical Commission to attend its twenty-eighth session in 1995 and travel of members of the Commission's Working Group ($46,000);

(b) Travel of members of the Population Commission to attend its twenty-seventh session, in 1994, postponed from 1993 under the terms of Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/4, and its twenty-eighth session in 1995 ($101,300). This provision includes a resource growth of $50,500 in connection with travel relating to the twenty-seventh session of the Commission;

(c) Travel of 12 experts as resource persons to attend the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development ($85,000);

(d) Travel of representatives of national liberation movements recognized by OAU to attend the Conference under the terms of resolution 3280 (XXIX) ($15,000);

(e) Travel of staff in connection with the preparation and servicing of the Conference ($55,000).

General operating expenses and supplies

9.23 An estimate of $68,000 would cover the costs of communications, miscellaneous services and supplies related to the preparation and holding of the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development.

B. Executive direction and management

TABLE 9.6. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	-	1 135.0	-	-	1 135.0	85.3	1 220.3
Consultants and experts	-	200.0	(20.0)	(10.0)	180.0	10.0	190.0
Travel on official business	-	162.7	(20.0)	(12.2)	142.7	8.0	150.7
Contractual services	-	82.0	(4.2)	(5.1)	77.8	4.5	82.3
General operating expenses	-	6.0	-	-	6.0	0.3	6.3
Total, regular budget	-	**1 585.7**	**(44.2)**	**(2.7)**	**1 541.5**	**108.1**	**1 649.6**

TABLE 9.7. POST REQUIREMENTS

Organizational unit: Office of the Under-Secretary-General

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
USG	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-5	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
P-4	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
Total	**4**	**4**	-	-	-	-	**4**	**4**
General Service category								
Other levels	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
Total	**2**	**2**	-	-	-	-	**2**	**2**
Grand total	**6**	**6**	-	-	-	-	**6**	**6**

9.24 The Office of the Under-Secretary-General provides overall direction, supervision and management of the Department in the implementation of its legislative mandates and its approved programme of work. The Office will also coordinate the establishment of the United Nations Economic and Social Information System.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Consultants and experts

9.25 The estimated requirements ($180,000) relate to the provision of necessary expertise for continued work on the establishment of the United Nations Economic and Social Information System. The development of the system, which is being carried out as a cooperative effort of the Department and the regional commissions, is intended to increase productivity in the processing and utilization of statistics and estimates in the economic and social sector. It will draw on and contribute to related ongoing work in the Department and the regional commissions and will focus on the improvement of the capabilities and practices for collecting, organizing, processing, storing, sharing and disseminating economic and social information. The new system will also enable the entire Secretariat and Member States better to examine both current and emerging economic and social issues on the basis of more timely and reliable data.

9.26 It is estimated that a provision of $142,700 would be required for attendance of the Under-Secretary-General and his immediate staff at meetings of the Economic and Social Council and other United Nations bodies, including the regional commissions, consultations with Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and representation by the Under-Secretary-General on behalf of the Secretary-General.

Contractual services

9.27 The estimated requirements ($77,800) relate to the publication of specific studies and reports that transcend individual programmes in the broad area of international economic cooperation and development.

C. Programme of work

1. Global development policy analyses

TABLE 9.8. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	-	12 102.2	999.4	8.2	13 101.6	1 067.9	14 169.5
Consultants and experts	-	184.5	10.0	5.4	194.5	11.0	205.5
Travel on official business	-	205.0	(50.0)	(24.3)	155.0	8.7	163.7
Contractual services	-	175.0	(55.8)	(31.8)	119.2	6.7	125.9
General operating expenses	-	124.0	-	-	124.0	6.9	130.9
Furniture and equipment	-	55.0	55.0	100.0	110.0	6.2	116.2
Total, regular budget	**-**	**12 845.7**	**958.6**	**7.4**	**13 804.3**	**1 107.4**	**14 911.7**

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

1992-1993 estimated expenditures	*Source of funds*	*1994-1995 estimated expenditures*
-	*(a)* Services in support of extrabudgetary programmes	-
Total *(a)* -		-
870.0	*(b)* Substantive activities Trust Fund for Development Planning and Projection	460.0
Total *(b)* **870.0**		**460.0**
-	*(c)* Operational projects	-
Total *(c)* -		-
Total *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)* **870.0**		**460.0**
	Total costs	**15 371.7**

TABLE 9.9. POST REQUIREMENTS

Programme: Global development policy analysis

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	2
D-1	6	6	-	-	-	-	6	6
P-5	7	7	-	-	-	-	7	7
P-4	19	19	-	-	-	-	19	19
P-3	6	7	-	-	-	-	6	7
P-2/1	6	10	-	-	-	-	6	10
Total	**45**	**51**	-	-	-	-	**45**	**51**
General Service category								
Principal level	9	9	-	-	-	-	9	9
Other levels	24	24	-	-	-	-	24	24
Total	**33**	**33**	-	-	-	-	**33**	**33**
Grand total	**78**	**84**	-	-	-	-	**78**	**84**

9.28 The legislative authority for the activities to be undertaken by the Department during the biennium 1994-1995 in the area of macroeconomic analysis derives from programme 12, Global development issues and policies (subprogrammes 1 to 4). The legislative authority for the activities relating to the functioning of the market and micro-economic policy analyses under this programme is contained in General Assembly resolutions 46/166 of 19 December 1991 and 47/171 and 47/187 of 22 December 1992, dealing with privatization, demonopolization, administrative deregulation of economic activities, elimination of price-distorting mechanisms and opening of markets as a means to increase economic efficiency, growth and sustainable development.

9.29 In 1994-1995, the programme will be significantly refocused towards the monitoring and assessment (in collaboration, as necessary, with other organs of the United Nations and specialized agencies) of global perspectives of the economic and social issues and trends. It will concentrate on preparation of multisectoral and integrated analyses of a broad range of socio-economic issues, analysis of long-term trends, elaboration of projections and identification of new and emerging issues. Action-oriented recommendations on those issues will be formulated for the consideration of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, and emerging economic and social issues of international concern will be identified and brought to the attention of Governments, through the intergovernmental bodies.

9.30 The programme of work for the biennium will include quantitative analysis and policy-oriented studies on the workings of market mechanisms, the role of regulation and deregulation, and privatization in the context of economic reforms in developing countries, developed market economies and economies in transition; research on the political economy of social security and safety nets in different regions and countries; studies on the role of the firm, demonopolization and other relevant policies in order to increase the efficiency of markets; determinants and effects of the location of economic activities; meeting information needs of Member States on the functioning of markets and related issues and problems that arise from the incidence of market failure; improvement of information on small and medium-size enterprises and on the organization of industry.

9.31 Within the programme of work, the estimated percentage distribution of resources among subprogrammes would be as follows:

		Regular budget	*Extrabudgetary*
		(percentage)	
Subprogramme 1.*	Monitoring and assessment of current global economic issues and policies	33.8	-
Subprogramme 2.	Problems and prospects of integrated development	15.2	-
Subprogramme 3.*	External debt and development	9.0	-
Subprogramme 4.*	Development perspectives and early identification of emerging issues	18.5	100.0
Subprogramme 5.	Public economics: global approaches to micro-economic issues and policies	23.5	-
	Total	100.0	100.0

* High priority.

Subprogramme 1. Monitoring and assessment of current global economic and social issues and policies

9.32 The main objective of the subprogramme for the biennium 1994-1995 is to provide intergovernmental bodies and Member States with a systematic analysis and assessment of current global economic issues and emerging trends, their interrelations and implications for international and national action, and alternative policy measures to promote economic development. During the biennium, attention will be given, *inter alia*, to adjustment and reform processes in developing countries in the context of economic growth; stagnation and high unemployment in the developed market economies; the problems and prospects of the economies in transition; consequences of globalization and regional integration; the multilateral trading system; policy coordination among the industrial countries; monitoring and assessment of developments and trends in key sectoral areas such as global energy markets, in particular international oil markets. Activities will continue to focus on implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, contained in the annex to resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, and the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade.

Activities

1. *Parliamentary services (regular budget)*

(a) Parliamentary documentation: eight reports to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth and fiftieth sessions on the implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation and the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade; economic stabilization programmes in developing countries; trends and issues on financing for development (annual); update of the world economy (annual); reports to the Economic and Social Council (1994 and 1995 substantive sessions), including: *World Economic Survey 1994* and *1995*; end-of-year note on the state of the world economy; and ad hoc reports to the General Assembly and to the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council on specific issues (as required);

(b) Ad hoc expert groups: one ad hoc working group to examine long-term development issues.

2. *Published material (regular budget)*

One recurrent publication: *World Economic Survey* (annual).

3. Coordination, harmonization and liaison (regular budget)

Close collaboration with UNCTAD and the specialized agencies and Bretton Woods institutions on issues under the work programme; collaboration and provision of assistance to regional commissions, particularly in the preparation of annual regional economic surveys; and coordination with the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development and Department of Development Support and Management Services.

Subprogramme 2. Problems and prospects of integrated development

9.33 The objective of the subprogramme for 1994-1995 is to provide intergovernmental bodies with analyses from a global perspective of selected development problems in their interrelationships with one another. Activities will include monitoring developments in the net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries; assessing changes in income distribution among and within countries and analysing causes for reduction or widening of disparities in such distribution. The effects of stabilization and structural adjustment programmes on human resource development as well as trends in the incidence of chronic and conjunctural poverty and the effects of macroeconomic and sector policies on poverty alleviation and reduction will be reported on. The Department will conduct policy-oriented studies in the context of the Agenda for Peace on issues of economic and social rehabilitation and development in countries affected by war and other disasters. The subprogramme is expected to contribute to the work of the World Summit for Social Development on issues of the enhancement of social integration, the alleviation and reduction of poverty and the expansion of productive employment. Special attention will be paid to institutional and economic factors that impinge on social cohesion.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services (regular budget)

Parliamentary documentation: three reports to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth and fiftieth sessions on the net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries;* developing human resources for development; international cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries; reports to the Economic and Social Council at its 1994 and 1995 substantive sessions on institutional change, the economics of military conversion, the arms trade and demographic and social issues; and an analytical report on socio-economic issues for the World Summit for Social Development.*

2. Coordination, harmonization and liaison (regular budget): close collaboration and coordination with UNCTAD; collaboration with the Bretton Woods institutions on issues under the work programme; and coordination with the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, the Department of Development Support and Management Services, UNDP, ILO, UNESCO, UNICEF and other specialized agencies relevant to the issues being assessed.

Subprogramme 3. External debt and development

9.34 The objective of the subprogramme for the biennium 1994-1995 is to monitor the debt situation, to search for new strategies to promote multilateral, bilateral and national efforts in resolving external debt crisis of developing countries and other countries with serious debt-servicing problems, and to assess the effect of the debt crisis for the world economy. The need for sustained action to alleviate the persisting debt and debt-service burden of developing countries, particularly those in Africa, calls for continued and expanded initiatives involving developing debtor countries, developed creditor countries, multilateral financial institutions and commercial banks.

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* High priority.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services (regular budget)

Parliamentary documentation: three reports to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth and fiftieth sessions on the international debt crisis and development (annual);* and an international conference on the financing for development and related monetary issues.

2. Coordination, harmonization and liaison (regular budget)

Close collaboration with UNCTAD; liaison with IMF, the World Bank and the Group of 24 and OECD on issues under the work programme.

Subprogramme 4. Development perspectives and early identification of emerging issues

9.35 The objectives of the subprogramme are to enhance the capability of the United Nations for early identification of emerging problems in the world economy by improving existing mechanisms and means for providing socio-economic data and forecasts available to the United Nations in a comprehensive and readily accessible form, to develop links further and increase the flow of socio-economic information between the United Nations and national research and information centres, to foster awareness among Member States and intergovernmental bodies of current and emerging global issues in order to derive appropriate policy conclusions. The Department will provide technical inputs for reports to the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, including the annual report on the state of the world economy. Activities will include upgrading and using the large-scale econometric LINK model to investigate some of the major policy themes selected by the Economic and Social Council for 1994 and 1995, in particular savings/investment imbalances, international capital movements, the international coordination of monetary policy and exchange rates. The world econometric model of project LINK will be enhanced to allow better analysis of world trade in services, capital goods and commodities. The global input-output model will continue to be upgraded to facilitate system-wide analyses of alternative paths of technological change and speed of absorption in different regions and of growth and structural change in the world economy beyond the year 2000, and in the preparation of the mid-term review of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade. Quantitative analyses of historical trends and scenarios for the world economy to the year 2000 and beyond, under alternative assumptions regarding policies and technological choices, will explore the economic consequences of various strategies, including strategies for preventing or mitigating environmental degradation. Particular attention will be paid to the relationships among patterns of consumption, resource use and choice of technologies, taking into account the impact of less resource-intensive technologies on economic development.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services (regular budget/extrabudgetary)

(a) Parliamentary documentation: three reports to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth and fiftieth sessions on the outlook for the world economy based on project LINK and on the United Nations global input-output model (annual); overall socio-economic perspective of the world economy to the year 2000 and beyond; and report to the Economic and Social Council on structural change in the world economy to the year 2000 and beyond;

(b) Ad hoc expert groups: two ad hoc expert group meetings on short- and medium-term projections of the world economy (project LINK (XB)).

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* High priority.

2. Published material (regular budget)

(a) One non-recurrent publication: technology diffusion in energy-intensive sectors in the developing countries: implications for air emissions;**

(b) Technical material: world economic situation and prospects (biannual); guide to the United Nations global input-output model; handbook on macroeconomic and sectoral long-term trends;** standardized indicators for monitoring long-term socio-economic trends.**

3. Coordination, harmonization and liaison (regular budget)

Contribution in activities of the Technical Working Group of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Task Force on Sustainable Development, including preparation of background report before the meeting and the final report after the meeting. Improved access to data modelling systems will be provided to other bodies of the United Nations system and to Member States through the local area network. Consultations and coordination with regional commissions, UNCTAD, UNDP and other relevant specialized agencies.

Subprogramme 5. Public economics: global approaches to micro-economic issues and policies

9.36 The activities detailed below are in response to General Assembly resolutions 46/166, 47/171 and 47/187 dealing with privatization, demonopolization, administrative deregulation of economic activities, elimination of price-distorting mechanisms, and opening of markets as means to increase economic efficiency, growth and sustainable development. The programme of work for the biennium will include quantitative analysis and policy-oriented studies on the workings of market mechanisms, the role of regulation and deregulation, and privatization in the context of economic reforms in developing countries, developed market economies, and economies in transition; research on the political economy of social security and safety nets in different regions and countries; studies on the role of the firm, demonopolization and other relevant policies in order to increase the efficiency of markets; determinants and effects of the location of economic activities; meeting information needs of Member States on the functioning of markets and related issues and problems that arise from the incidence of market failure; and improvement of information on small and medium-size enterprises and on the organization of industry.

Activities

Parliamentary services (regular budget)

(a) Parliamentary documentation: report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on privatization in the context of economic restructuring, economic growth and sustainable development;* report to the Economic and Social Council on the role of the firm, the impact of market regulation and deregulation and privatization on development, the contribution of small- and medium-sized enterprises to growth and development and determination of the location of economic activity;

(b) Ad hoc expert groups: one ad hoc group of experts on social security issues.

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* High priority.

** Low priority.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

9.37 The estimated staff resources required would comprise 51 Professional and 33 General Service posts, including 6 additional Professional (one D-2, one P-3 and four P-2/1) posts.

9.38 The proposed additional posts (one D-2, one P-3 and four P-2/1) would be for research and for strengthening and expanding the analytical capacity of the Department under the programme of activities on micro-economic issues and policies.

Consultants and experts

9.39 The estimated requirements ($194,500) include a provision for consultants ($115,500), which would cover comprehensive analyses and overviews on major topics, including the implications of events in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, the Middle East and Africa for various groups of countries and the special economic needs of countries emerging from prolonged conflicts or civil wars, as well as studies on other economic issues that require close examination but for which expertise is not available in the Department, including specific studies on privatization and economic efficiency issues, analyses of enterprises, deregulation and allocation of social costs. The requirements for two expert group meetings to review long-term development and social security issues are estimated at $79,000.

Travel on official business

9.40 The estimated requirements ($155,000) relate to travel of staff for research and collection of data in the context of the work programme, as well as for maintaining liaison with specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations on issues under the programme of work.

Contractual services

9.41 The estimated requirements ($119,200) relate to the publication of the *World Economic Survey* and of a number of other recurrent and non-recurrent publications under the work programme.

General operating expenses

9.42 The provision ($124,000) relates to rental and maintenance of data-processing and office automation equipment.

Furniture and equipment

9.43 The estimated requirements ($110,000) relate to the acquisition ($70,000) and replacement ($40,000) of office automation equipment.

2. *Population*

TABLE 9.10. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Biennialized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	-	6 826.8	-	-	6 826.8	535.1	7 361.9
Consultants and experts	-	98.0	35.0	35.7	133.0	7.5	140.5
Travel on official business	-	123.7	-	-	123.7	7.0	130.7
Contractual services	-	143.0	(22.2)	(15.5)	120.8	6.7	127.5
General operating expenses	-	40.0	15.0	37.5	55.0	3.2	58.2
Furniture and equipment	-	44.0	46.0	104.5	90.0	5.1	95.1
Total, regular budget	-	**7 275.5**	**73.8**	**1.0**	**7 349.3**	**564.6**	**7 913.9**

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

	1992-1993 estimated expenditures	*Source of funds*	*1994-1995 estimated expeditures*
	2 591.4	*(a)* Services in support of extrabudgetary programmes	2 715.2
Total *(a)*	**2 591.4**		**2 715.2**
		(b) Substantive activities	
	1 567.7	UNFPA	3 066.0
	166.7	Other sources	333.3
Total *(b)*	**1 734.4**		**3 399.3**
	-	*(c)* Operational projects	-
	17 570.0	UNFPA	10 000.0
Total *(c)*	**17 570.0**		**10 000.0**
Total *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)*	**21 895.8**		**16 114.5**
		Total costs	**24 028.4**

TABLE 9.11. POST REQUIREMENTS

Organizational unit: Population Division

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-1	2	2	-	-	3	2	5	4
P-5	6	6	-	-	1	1	7	7
P-4	5	5	-	-	2	6	7	11
P-3	9	9	-	-	1	3	10	12
P-2/1	3	3	-	-	3	2	6	5
Total	**26**	**26**	**-**	**-**	**10**	**14**	**36**	**40**
General Service category								
Principal level	6	6	-	-	-	-	6	6
Other levels	12	12	-	-	9	14	21	26
Total	**18**	**18**	**-**	**-**	**9**	**14**	**27**	**32**
Grand total	**44**	**44**	**-**	**-**	**19**	**28**	**63**	**72**

9.44 Programme 18, Population, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised (A/47/6/Rev.1) would serve as legislative authority for the activities under this heading. The programme would be implemented by the Population Division, which is guided in its work by the Population Commission. The Division would provide substantive servicing of the sessions of the Commission to facilitate its work, particularly in the formulation of policy recommendations and in the substantive coordination of activities of the United Nations system in the field of population. The Population Division, in cooperation with UNFPA, would also be responsible for the substantive preparation and servicing of the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development and of the Conference itself.

9.45 The activities proposed for this biennium would focus on accurate and timely information on priority issues in the monitoring and analyses of population trends and policies, population growth, fertility, family planning, mortality, international migration, urbanization and internal migration, and interrelationships between population, socio-economic development and sustainable development, preparation of demographic estimates and projections for all countries, areas, regions and the world as a whole.

9.46 The Population Division would also provide substantive support to technical cooperation projects and programmes in the field of population and serve as an executing agency for population projects funded by UNFPA and other funding sources. During the biennium 1994-1995, the Population Division would continue to assist Member States in strengthening national capabilities in the field of population with respect to the projects currently under implementation by providing relevant computer hardware and software, training, manuals and expert services in the fields of demographic analysis, population research and population and development.

9.47 The programme comprises five subprogrammes, which are based on the five subprogrammes of programme 18, Population, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised.

9.48 Within the programme of work, the estimated percentage distribution of resources among subprogrammes would be as follows:

		Regular budget	Extrabudgetary
		(percentage)	
Subprogramme 1.	Analysis of demographic variables at world level	30.7	11.5
Subprogramme 2.	World population projections	23.1	3.5
Subprogramme 3.	Population policy and socio-economic development	30.7	14.2
Subprogramme 4.*	Monitoring, review and appraisal, coordination and dissemination of population information	15.5	35.4
Subprogramme 5.	Technical cooperation in population	-	35.4
	Total	100.0	100.0

* High priority.

Subprogramme 1. Analysis of demographic variables at world level

9.49 The objective of the subprogramme is to provide scientific assessments of the level and trends of demographic variables, such as fertility, the status of women and the family, mortality and morbidity, urbanization, internal and international migration, all of which affect population size, age and sex structure, and rate of growth for most countries and regions of the world. During the biennium emphasis will be placed on the study of the gender aspects of mortality in childhood and on the analysis of levels and trends of international migration, particularly from the gender perspective. In addition, work will continue on the study of levels and trends of mortality and, to the extent that data from the 1990 round of censuses becomes available, the estimation of rural-urban migration during the 1980s will be carried out. Priority will also be given to charting new and emerging levels and trends of fertility and of family planning practice and improving understanding of those levels and trends in relation to changing social and economic conditions, including the status of women, the family-building process and government programmes and policies that operate at the family and community levels. All the above activities will be oriented towards preparation of and follow-up to the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services (regular budget)

Ad hoc expert groups: one ad hoc expert group meeting on measurable indicators of quality of services in family planning programmes.

2. Published material (regular budget)

(a) Nine non-recurrent publications: study of the status of women and child survival; levels and trends of international migration with particular emphasis on gender issues; comparative study on women's education and fertility; comparative study on marital status and living arrangements of women; report on fertility levels and trends; patterns of contraceptive use worldwide; and three case-studies on the effect of child survival on fertility;

(b) Technical material: databases and provision of computerized information, upon request on South-to-North migration; updated migrant stock for developing countries; international migration; internal migration and urbanization; mortality; patterns of contraceptive use worldwide; and contraceptive use and levels and trends of fertility.

3. Coordination, harmonization and liaison (regular budget)

Contribution to activities of the inter-agency task force on women's issues and population.

Subprogramme 2. World population projections

9.50 The objectives of the subprogramme are to prepare biennially the official United Nations population estimates and projections for countries' urban and rural areas and their major cities for all countries and areas of the world. These estimates and projections include indicators such as the population growth rate, crude birth rate, crude death rate, total fertility rate, life expectancy at birth and early-age mortality, and the age distribution of births (by age of mother) and age distribution of deaths (by age of deceased).

Activities

1. Published material (regular budget)

(a) Eight recurrent publications: world population prospects annex tables: the 1994 revision; world population prospects: the 1994 revision; sex and age distribution of world populations: the 1994 revision; world population chart 1994; world urbanization prospects annex tables: the 1994 revision; world urbanization prospects: the 1994 revision; urban agglomerations chart 1994; and report of the eighteenth session of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Demographic Estimates and Projections;

(b) One non-recurrent publication: urban and rural populations by sex and age;**

(c) Technical material: database on the 1994 revision of world population; demographic indicators; sex and age; interpolated national populations (globally and by sex and age);** age patterns of fertility; urban and rural areas; and urban agglomerations.

2. Coordination, harmonization and liaison (regular budget)

Contribution to the activities of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Demographic Estimates and Projections (eighteenth session).

Subprogramme 3. Population policy and socio-economic development

9.51 The objective of the subprogramme is to assess the consequences of demographic trends for socio-economic development and of governmental policies intended to influence population trends. Emphasis will be given to the complex effects and interdependencies between population trends and policies and major areas of socio-economic development. In this context studies will be undertaken on relationships of population change to social and economic development *vis-à-vis* resource and environmental concerns. In this regard, in line with the provisions of chapter 5 of Agenda 21, emphasis will be placed on the further development of a suitable format for the integration of demographic data with physical, biological and socio-economic data. The centrality of the status and role of women in population and development process and the significance and impact of international migration policies on sending and receiving countries will receive priority attention.

Activities

Published material (regular budget)

(a) Two recurrent publications: global population policy database 1995; and population policy diskette documentation.

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(b) Nine non-recurrent publications: government views on population and environment relationships; population and the environment: setting the research agenda; the relationship between population and poverty; international migration policies and programmes: a world survey; world population policies, (vol. 1); United Nations population inquiry among Governments (seventh edition); and abortion policies: a global review (vol. III);

(c) Technical material: database on global review and inventory of population policies.**

Subprogramme 4. Monitoring, review and appraisal, coordination and dissemination of population information

9.52 The objectives of the subprogramme are to assess, prepare, coordinate and disseminate accurate updated information on the world demographic situation; to monitor population trends and policies and to review and appraise quinquennially the implementation of the World Population Plan of Action, in particular through the Population Information Network (POPIN). Substantive and technical assistance will be extended to the regional support teams and, as and when required, to Member States in the field of population policy, teaching demography, demographic analysis, population and development, and the evaluation of demographic impact of family planning programmes.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services (regular budget)

Parliamentary documentation: (i) five reports to the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development on review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action; the status of preparations for the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development; draft recommendations of the Conference; synthesis of the national reports of countries on their population situation, policies and programmes; annotated draft provisional agenda and proposed timetable for the Conference; (ii) three reports to the Conference on review and appraisal of the World Population Plan of Action; draft recommendations of the Conference; rules of procedure; and (iii) eleven reports to the Population Commission at its twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sessions on monitoring of world population trends and policies (annual); activities of the United Nations system in the field of population (annual); work of the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations in the implementation of the World Population Plan of Action (annual); progress of work in the field of population (annual); proposed programme of work in the field of population for 1994-1995; implications of the recommendations of the 1994 International Conference for the work programme on population; and proposed programme of work in the field of population for 1996-1997.

2. Published material (regular budget)

(a) Ten recurrent publications: monitoring of world population trends and policies; concise report on the world population situation in 1995; *Population Bulletin of the United Nations* (four issues); and *Population Newsletter* (four issues);

(b) Technical material: database on Population Division publications, databases and software; guidelines for the establishment and/or strengthening of institutional arrangements for formulating comprehensive multidimensional population policies and their effective implementation; guidelines for the improvement of teaching methods, curricula and teaching/learning materials in the field of population; analytical studies on updated techniques of demographic analysis of census and demographic survey and related socio-economic survey data; guidelines for the conceptualization and design

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of methodologies for incorporation of population variables into development planning, including resources and environment; guidelines for the evaluation of the demographic impact of family planning programmes within the general population policy.

3. Operational activities (extrabudgetary resources)

Advisory services to regional support teams and, as and where required, to Member States in the field of population policy formulation and implementation; teaching demography and population studies; demographic analysis and research; population and development; and evaluation of the demographic impact of family planning programmes.

4. *Coordination, harmonization and liaison (regular budget)*

Contribution to activities of the POPIN Advisory Committee meetings; and collaboration with the organizations of the United Nations system in the preparation of the report on the activities of the United Nations system in the field of population and in the implementation of the World Population Plan of Action.

Subprogramme 5. Technical cooperation in population

9.53 The objectives of the subprogramme are to increase national capabilities for training in population and demography and analysis of population data, and to use the results in development planning and the formulation and implementation of national population policies in the context of development planning. During the biennium support and cooperation will be provided to Member States requesting assistance in implementing the World Population Plan of Action and the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development. Technical material to enhance implementation of technical cooperation activities in the areas of training, analysis of population data, population policy and population and development will also be published.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services (extrabudgetary)

Two reports to the Population Commission at its twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sessions on the technical cooperation activities of the Department in the field of population.

2. Published material (regular budget/extrabudgetary)

Two recurrent publications on the proceedings of workshops held in the context of United Nations-sponsored technical cooperation projects in developing countries; and a directory of population and development teaching institutions and their detailed course offerings.

3. Operational activities (extrabudgetary resources)

(a) Advisory services on the establishment and improvement of population programmes in training, demographic analysis and population policy and development;

(b) Group training: seminars, workshops and ad hoc training programmes in latest relevant techniques of demographic analysis and the integration of population variables into development planning and implementation process; support to over 50 projects directly or through UNFPA-organized country support teams with provisions for short-term training workshops/seminars, study tours, longer-term degree and non-degree programmes, and fellowships for degree-level population studies abroad;

(c) Field projects: substantive support to 45 projects in 40 countries and 5 intercountry projects, to assist developing countries in developing and/or further strengthening national capacities and capabilities in the areas of institutionalized training/research, demographic analysis, population policies and population and development.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

9.54 The staff resources required for the implementation of the above activities by the Population Division of the Department would comprise 26 Professional and above and 18 General Service posts.

Consultants and experts

9.55 The estimated requirements of $133,000 include provisions for consultants ($97,000) to undertake specific studies, in particular on issues to be considered by the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development, and for one ad hoc expert group meeting on developing measurable indicators of quality of services in family planning programmes ($36,000).

Travel on official business

9.56 The estimated requirements ($123,700) relate largely to missions of consultation, data collection, research, liaison and collaboration with intergovernmental organizations in connection with the preparatory activities of the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development.

Contractual services

9.57 The estimated requirements ($120,800) relate to the production of various recurrent and non-recurrent publications under the programme of work.

General operating expenses

9.58 The estimated requirements ($55,000) relate to rental and maintenance of data processing and office automation equipment.

Furniture and equipment

9.59 The estimated requirements ($90,000) relate to the acquisition and replacement of office automation equipment.

3. Statistics

TABLE 9.12. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Object of expenditure	1992-1993 revised appropriation	Biennialized base	Resource growth		Total before recosting	Recosting	1994-1995 estimates
			Amount	Percentage			
Staff costs	-	19 021.8	20.5	0.1	19 042.3	1 484.2	20 526.5
Consultants and experts	-	283.9	40.0	14.0	323.9	18.2	342.1
Travel on official business	-	150.0	(40.0)	(26.6)	110.0	6.3	116.3
Contractual services	-	451.2	(22.6)	(5.0)	428.6	24.0	452.6
General operating expenses	-	246.2	111.0	45.0	357.2	20.1	377.3
Furniture and equipment	-	74.7	75.0	100.4	149.7	8.6	158.3
Total, regular budget	-	**20 227.8**	**183.9**	**0.9**	**20 411.7**	**1 561.4**	**21 973.1**

(2) Extrabudgetary resources

	1992-1993 estimated expenditures	Source of funds	1994-1995 estimated expenditures
	3 900.0	*(a)* Services in support of extrabudgetary programmes	3 900.0
Total *(a)*	**3 900.0**		**3 900.0**
		(b) Substantive activities	
	324.0	Trust Fund for International Economic and Social Research	250.0
	10.0	Trust Fund for the International Comparison Project	7.0
	1 000.0	UNFPA	450.0
	-	UNEP	200.0
Total *(b)*	**1 334.0**		**907.0**
		(c) Operational projects	
	11 460.0	UNDP	4 500.0
	20 800.0	UNFPA	8 000.0
	255.0	Other sources	300.0
Total *(c)*	**32 515.0**		**12 800.0**
Total *(a)*, *(b)* and *(c)*	**37 749.0**		**17 607.0**
		Total costs	**39 580.1**

TABLE 9.13. POST REQUIREMENTS

Organizational unit: Statistical Division

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
D-1	5	6	-	-	-	-	5	6
P-5	11	10	-	-	1	1	12	11
P-4	17	17	-	-	1	1	18	18
P-3	18	18	-	-	2	2	20	20
P-2/1	17	17	-	-	2	2	19	19
Total	**69**	**69**	**-**	**-**	**6**	**6**	**75**	**75**
General Service category								
Principal level	8	8	-	-	-	-	8	8
Other levels	58	58	-	-	18	18	76	76
Total	**66**	**66**	**-**	**-**	**18**	**18**	**84**	**84**
Grand total	**135**	**135**	**-**	**-**	**24**	**24**	**159**	**159**

9.60 Programme 24, Statistics, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised (A/47/6/Rev.1), serves as a framework for the activities under this heading. The overall objective of the programme is to increase the availability and use of relevant, timely and reliable statistics to assist national and international policy formulation, action and evaluation. In pursuit of this goal, the programme provides a wide range of outputs and services to public and private producers and users of statistics in Member States, in other programmes of the United Nations Secretariat and the United Nations system and in other international and regional organizations. The programme comprises four interrelated and mutually supportive functions: *(a)* developing statistical concepts and methods for use by Member States; *(b)* collecting, processing and disseminating integrated statistics; *(c)* promoting the coordination of international statistical activities; and *(d)* supporting technical cooperation in statistics and statistical data processing, including informatics.

9.61 The programme covers basic statistical work in a number of important specific subject-matter areas: national accounts, international trade and transportation, industrial activity and production, energy, population, the environment, international price comparisons, social indicators, women, human settlements and special population groups, as well as integrated and multisectoral statistics and topics not specifically covered by the statistical services of other agencies in the United Nations system.

9.62 Under the guidance of the Statistical Commission, the programme is designed to serve the continuing needs of users and producers of statistics as reflected in the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, including needs arising from the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation adopted by the General Assembly at its eighteenth special session, the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and special programmes on behalf of development in, for example, Africa, the least developed countries and the countries in transition. The programme also serves the needs for statistical work called for in a number of related sectoral strategies and initiatives, including the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women, the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children, adopted at the 1990 World Summit for Children, and the World Population Plan of Action. Finally, the programme includes proposals in response to the Statistical Commission's action plan, adopted in 1993, for strengthening international statistical cooperation and statistical development and provision of services to national statistical offices. Particular attention will be paid to environmental indicators and integrated environmental-economic accounting, as called for in Agenda 21, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

9.63 Following the conclusions and recommendations of the Statistical Commission at its twenty-seventh session, the improved compilation and dissemination of statistics to support economic and social monitoring and policy analysis within the framework of sustainable development will receive highest priority in the biennium 1994-1995. This effort will comprise the implementation of the 1993 system of national accounts in all countries, in close collaboration with the regional commissions and other members of the Inter-secretariat Working Group on National Accounts, further development of statistics and statistical methodologies on social development, including poverty and population groups at risk, and enhanced coordination in the global statistical system, including technical cooperation for countries in greatest need of assistance.

9.64 The programme will be implemented by the Statistical Division. The Division will attach high priority to the development of methodologies in areas of environmental indicators and integrated environmental-economic accounting and technical support for their implementation at the national level. It will provide substantive input to activities of the Statistical Commission and its Working Group. The programme will be implemented in close collaboration with other units of the Secretariat, specialized agencies, national statistical offices of Member States, as well as organizations and entities outside the United Nations system, such as OAU, EUROSTAT and others.

9.65 The programme comprises five subprogrammes, which are based on subprogrammes 1 to 5 of programme 24, Statistics, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as revised (A/48/6/Rev.1).

9.66 The estimated distribution of resources among subprogrammes would be as follows:

		Regular budget	*Extrabudgetary*
		(percentage)	
Subprogramme 1.*	Developing statistical concepts and methods for use by Member States	27.8	1.0
Subprogramme 2.	Applying advanced technology in collecting, processing and disseminating integrated statistics	20.0	1.0
Subprogramme 3.	Collecting, compiling and disseminating international statistics	24.5	1.3
Subprogramme 4.*	Coordinating international statistical programmes	8.8	-
Subprogramme 5.*	Support for technical cooperation in statistics and statistical data processing	18.9	96.7
	Total	100.0	100.0

* High priority.

Subprogramme 1. Developing statistical concepts and methods for use by Member States

9.67 Following the adoption of the system of national accounts, 1993 by the Statistical Commission at its twenty-seventh session, the implementation of the system in all countries, in close collaboration with the regional commissions and other members of the Inter-secretariat Working Group on National Accounts (IMF, the World Bank, OECD and the statistical offices of the European countries) will receive high priority. Special emphasis in the biennium will be given to the development of environment statistics, environmental indicators and integrated environmental and economic accounting in the light of the provisions of Agenda 21. Priority will also be given to relating inputs in the preparations for the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development, the Fourth World Conference on Women and Development in 1995 and the 1995 World Summit for Social Development, including the selection and compilation of social indicators, and the 1995-2004 Population and Housing Census Decade. Work on the further development and harmonization of international economic classifications, international trade statistics, industrial statistics, service statistics, price statistics, civil registration and vital statistics, and statistics of special population groups, such as children, youth, the ageing and the disabled, will continue to receive specific attention.

Activities

1. International cooperation (regular budget)

External relations: contribution to activities of OAU and the Preferential Trade Area for Eastern and Southern Africa on issues of scale of assessment methodology.

2. Parliamentary services (regular budget/extrabudgetary)

(a) Parliamentary documentation: 12 reports to the Statistical Commission at its twenty-eighth session on the progress of activities in such areas as national accounts, international trade, environment, energy, industrial and gender statistics, classifications, international comparisons and demographic and social statistics, including special population groups, social indicators and monitoring the achievement of social goals; two reports to the Commission on the Status of Women on inputs on the use of gender statistics in analysing the situation of women;

(b) Ad hoc expert groups: eight ad hoc expert group meetings on the 2000 World Population and Housing Census Programme; development of indicators of sustainable development; revision of the United Nations International Trade Statistics Concepts and Definitions; household sector accounts and human resources (XB); system of national accounts under circumstances of high inflation; social accounting matrix and satellite accounts (XB); methods of measuring and valuing household work (XB); and review of the current recommendations on international migration statistics.

3. Published material (regular budget and extrabudgetary)

(a) Thirteen non-recurrent publications: directory of international classifications; updating of correspondence tables and indices between specific system classifications; manual: Management, operation and maintenance of civil registration and vital statistics (XB); Handbook of population and housing censuses, Part VI: housing topics and household characteristics; manuals: Methods of measuring and valuing household work (XB); Census methods for disability statistics; Directory of environment statistics; Household sector accounts and human resources (XB); System of national accounts under circumstances of high inflation; Input/output handbook; Enterprise sector accounts;3 Glossary of terms of environment statistics; and Strategies for measuring industrial structure and growth;

(b) Technical material: database and textual material on 13 specific statistical topics/studies (RB/XB).

Subprogramme 2. Applying advanced technology in collecting, processing and disseminating integrated statistics

9.68 The subprogramme will focus on developing cost-effective methods and systems for collecting, assessing and compiling data and their dissemination, using new technologies for preparing major databases, publications and other statistical outputs, with particular emphasis on using new technologies to improve timeliness in reaching users and the quality of data and estimates presented; and implementing an in-depth review of techniques, methods and content of the major statistical general-purpose publications, such as the *Statistical Yearbook* and *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics*, to consolidate the results of ongoing review and adjustments that have been made over recent years. Development of new databases to meet the growing need for multisectoral and integrated statistics and indicators in individual fields of statistics and on related work in other international organizations will receive further attention.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services (regular budget)

(a) Parliamentary documentation: one report to the Statistical Commission at its twenty-eighth session on the development of electronic methods for compilation and dissemination of international statistics and standards, including standards for international data exchange;

(b) One ad hoc expert group meeting on development of advanced user access and output systems for the Statistical Division databases.

2. *Published material (regular budget/extrabudgetary)*

(a) Twenty-eight issues of recurrent publications: *Statistical Yearbook* (annual); *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* (24 issues); and *World Statistics in Brief* (annual);

(b) Four non-recurrent publications: Fifty years of economic and social development;* International disability statistics database (version III);** United Nations women's indicators and statistics database users' guide to version III (XB); and Main economic and social statistics and indicators database on microcomputer diskettes: users' guide;**

(c) Technical material: database and textual material of eight specific statistical topics/studies.

Subprogramme 3. Collecting, compiling and disseminating international statistics

9.69 The activities under the subprogramme will focus on improving the timeliness, quality and relevance of statistical outputs in subject-matter areas such as national accounts, international trade, industry, energy, social and demographic statistics. Existing specialized databases will be strengthened, with particular attention to the COMTRADE database for international trade and the national accounts, industry and demographic statistics databases. Recently established databases on women and disability will be maintained. Work on the compilation of selected environmental indicators will be initiated. Special efforts will also be made to ensure more comprehensive and comparable economic data for developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

Activities

1. *Parliamentary services (regular budget/extrabudgetary)*

Parliamentary documentation: report to the 1995 World Conference on Women and Development; The world's women - trends and statistics (RB/XB).

2. *Published Material (regular budget/extrabudgetary)*

(a) Twenty-two issues of recurrent publications: *Demographic Yearbook* (44th and 45th editions); *Population and Vital Statistics Report* (eight issues); *The world's women - trends and statistics* (2nd issue) (XB);* *National accounts yearbook* (annual); *Industrial statistics yearbook* "Commodity production statistics" (annual); *Energy statistics yearbook* (annual); *Energy balances and electricity profiles* (biennial); *International trade statistics yearbook*, Vols. I and II (41st and 42nd editions); and *Commodity trade statistics* (Series D) (annual);

(b) Two non-recurrent publications: *World housing statistics in graphs*** and *Statistical chart on ageing*;

(c) Technical material: database and textual material on 10 specific statistical topics/studies.

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* High priority.

** Low priority.

Subprogramme 4. Coordinating international statistical programmes

9.70 During the biennium, high priority will be given to the coordination of the global statistical system and provision of services to national statistical authorities, making use of continuing instruments of coordination such as the Statistical Commission, its Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination, the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Statistical Activities, inter-secretariat working groups in individual statistical fields, the recently established task forces on selected areas of statistics, ongoing consultations and exchange of information and plans, as well as ad hoc consultations and meetings on subjects and issues of current concern.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services (regular budget)

Parliamentary documentation: (i) six reports to the Statistical Commission at its twenty-eighth session on the draft work programme of the Statistical Division for 1996-1997; revision of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997; proposals for the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2003; performance report under the programme for the biennium 1992-1993 and updated information on work of UNSTAT; and statistical work of international organizations and coordination of statistical data collection; and (ii) four reports to the Statistical Commission's Working Group (seventeenth and eighteenth sessions) on inventory of statistical data collection activities; outlines of reports for the Statistical Commission at its twenty-ninth session; and report of the task forces on coordination on specific subject-matter areas (annual).

2. Published material (regular budget)

Two non-recurrent publications: selected aspects of the international statistical system (annual).

3. Coordination, harmonization and liaison (regular budget)

Contribution to the activities of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Statistical Activities, its Working Group on Statistical Databases, the Inter-secretariat Working Group on the International Comparison Programme and the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Advancement of Environmental Statistics and task forces in national accounts, environment, price (including the International Comparison Programme), industry and construction, international trade and finance; collaboration with the World Bank in developing the user interface for the United Nations international trade statistics database.

Subprogramme 5. Support for technical cooperation in statistics and statistical data processing

9.71 The activities during the biennium will be oriented towards substantive support to Member States for a broad range of technical cooperation activities in areas such as statistical organization and development, general economic statistics, national accounts, demographic and social statistics, environment statistics, statistics and indicators of women, statistics on specialized population groups, integrated statistical services, national household survey capabilities and statistical data processing and informatics. Emphasis will be placed on ensuring full access for developing countries to appropriate new technologies for processing and disseminating statistics and on the problems of those developing countries which are the least advanced in statistics. Emphasis will also be placed on the implementation of the 1993 system of national accounts and the dissemination of related training materials in all countries, in close collaboration with the regional commissions and other members of the Inter-secretariat Working Group on National Accounts. Assessment will be undertaken of the implications of the new agency support cost arrangements for the provision of technical cooperation in statistics in the light of the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 44/211 and 47/199.

Activities

1. Parliamentary services (regular budget)

Parliamentary documentation: a report to the Statistical Commission at its twenty-eighth session on technical cooperation in statistics, including assessment of implications of the new agency support cost arrangements.

2. Published material (regular budget/extrabudgetary)

(a) One recurrent publication: *Directory of technical cooperation in statistics*;

(b) One non-recurrent publication: training manual for national gender statistics publications (XB).

3. Operational activities (extrabudgetary)

(a) Advisory services on establishment and/or improvement of statistical programmes in all areas (demographic, economic and social including the implementation of the 1993 system of national accounts and the population and housing census programme); support for new initiatives in statistics for monitoring the achievement of social goals and environment statistics and accounts; and continued support for activities carried out under the national household survey capability programme, the establishment and/or improvement of comprehensive information systems for the processing of data (census and surveys) and informatics in the developing and least developed countries;

(b) Group training, seminars, workshops and fellowships: training activities in cooperation with UNDP and UNFPA for Member States in the areas of economic statistics, population censuses, civil registration and other demographic and social statistics programmes, household surveys and computer data processing and informatics; support to national projects in the developing countries for strengthening and extending national services and capabilities for collecting, processing, disseminating and using a broad range of development-related statistics.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

9.72 The staff resources required for the implementation of the above activities by the Statistical Division of the Department would comprise 69 Professional and above and 66 General Service posts.

9.73 It is proposed to reclassify a P-5 post to the D-1 level within the Division. This reclassification would reflect the rapid expansion and increasing complexity of environment statistics and growing demand for those activities in the light of the importance attached to activities of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Agenda 21. The incumbent of the post would head the Environment and Energy Statistics Branch established within the Division in 1991.

Consultants and experts

9.74 The estimated requirements ($323,900) would include a provision for consultants ($95,000) in connection with specific studies under the programme of work for which no internal expertise is available, and for six ad hoc expert group meetings ($228,900) detailed under subprogrammes 1 and 2.

Travel on official business

9.75 The estimated requirements ($110,000) relate to travel of staff for the compilation of statistical data, preparation of studies and publications, as well as for liaison with other organizations and institutions on statistical issues.

Contractual services

9.76 The estimated requirements ($428,600) relate to the costs of microfiche services and production of publications, studies and reports that are included in the programme of work for the biennium 1994-1995 and approved by the Publications Board.

General operating expenses

9.77 The estimated requirements ($357,200) relate to rental and maintenance costs of office automation and data-processing equipment.

Furniture and equipment

9.78 The estimated requirements ($149,700) relate to the acquisition and replacement of office automation and data-processing equipment.

D. Programme support

TABLE 9.14. SUMMARY OF 1994-1995 ESTIMATES BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) Regular budget

Object of expenditure	*1992-1993 revised appropriation*	*Biennalized base*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*1994-1995 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Staff costs	-	2 187.5	(163.0)	(7.4)	2 024.5	146.8	2 171.3
General operating expenses	-	133.5	97.0	72.6	230.5	12.9	243.4
Supplies and materials	-	50.1	10.0	19.9	60.1	3.4	63.5
Furniture and equipment	-	14.0	10.0	71.4	24.0	1.3	25.3
Total, regular budget	**-**	**2 385.1**	**(46.0)**	**(1.9)**	**2 339.1**	**164.4**	**2 503.5**

TABLE 9.15. POST REQUIREMENTS

Organizational unit: Executive Office

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1992-1993	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*	*1992-1993*	*1994-1995*
Professional category and above								
P-5	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
P-4	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	**3**	**3**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**3**	**3**
General Service category								
Principal level	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Other levels	10	10	-	-	-	-	10	10
Total	**11**	**11**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**11**	**11**
Grand total	**14**	**14**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**14**	**14**

9.79 The Executive Office provides services for personnel and financial administration, resource planning and use of common services.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Staff costs

9.80 It is proposed to include in the estimated requirements for staff costs provisions for *(a)* general temporary assistance ($236,900) for the temporary replacement of staff of the department on extended sick leave and maternity leave and the engagement of additional staff during peak workload periods; and *(b)* overtime ($70,400) for the additional hours worked by the staff of the department at peak workload periods. The overall requirements for staff costs show a decrease of $163,000, which is attributable entirely to the above two provisions and represents the proposed redeployment of resources within the Department to accommodate the requirements arising from development and subsequent maintenance of UNESIS.

General operating expenses and supplies

9.81 The estimated requirements under this heading amount to $290,600 and relate to the following expenditures:

(a) Rental and maintenance of equipment ($54,000), which represents costs for maintenance of office automation and data-processing equipment;

(b) Communications ($161,000), including costs of telephone and facsimile communications and other related expenses;

(c) Miscellaneous costs, including hospitality ($15,500) to cover various requirements arising from the activities of the Department;

(d) Supplies and materials ($60,100) to meet requirements for expendable office supplies and materials, particularly data-processing supplies for the Department.

Furniture and equipment

9.82 The estimated requirements ($24,000) relate to the acquisition and replacement of office automation equipment for the Executive Office.